

Acceptance decision

Factory 3D Marine Seismic Survey

This document provides notification of NOPSEMA's decision made under regulation 10 of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (Environment Regulations) to accept an environment plan.

Submission information

| Titleholder ¹ : | Shell Australia Pty Ltd |
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| Environment plan: | Factory 3D Marine Seismic Survey environment plan, Document No. HSE-GEN- 015569, Revision 2.0, Dated 06 September 2019 |
| Petroleum title(s)/Application number(s): | AC/P65, AC/P41, WA-534 |
| Date submitted to NOPSEMA: | 29/03/2019 |
| Activities type(s) ² : | Seismic Survey |
| Activity overview: As described in the accepted environment plan. | Shell Australia Pty Ltd (Shell Australia) is planning to undertake the Factory three-dimensional (3D) marine seismic survey (MSS) within the Browse and Bonaparte Basin offshore Western Australia (WA). The Factory 3D MSS will comprise acquisition of approximately 3,750 km2 of 3D seismic data in Exploration Permits AC/P65, AC/P41, WA-534-P, and a very small portion of adjacent acreage for the purposes of acquiring sufficient data to fully-image the prospects on the titles. The Factory Operational Area (OA) is located approximately 103 km from the Kimberley coast of northern WA and is approximately 200 km from the Indonesian archipelago and East Timor. Following acceptance, the Factory 3D MSS environment plan (EP) will be valid until the end of September 2020. The survey will be conducted as a single acquisition operation either between the beginning of November 2019 and the end of February 2020 or between the beginning of April 2020 and the end of September 2020; the survey will take a maximum of 73 days plus a contingent additional 17 days for unplanned down time such as bad weather. |
| Decision: | Accepted |
| Decision date: | 16/09/2019 |
| Decision made by: | Representative of NOPSEMA: Environment Manager - Drilling & Developments |
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Basis of decision

NOPSEMA has assessed the environment plan in accordance with its assessment policies and procedures. Having regard to all information provided by, and referred to in the environment plan, NOPSEMA is reasonably satisfied that the environment plan meets the criteria set out in regulation 10A of the Environment Regulations.

Next steps for the petroleum activity

An environment plan summary must be provided to NOPSEMA within 10 days of this acceptance. regulation 11(4) requires that this document provide material from the accepted environment plan.

Once the summary document has been prepared to NOPSEMA satisfaction it will be published on NOPSEMA's website. NOPSEMA aims to have all environment plan summary documents published within 20 days of acceptance. This timeframe may vary should the document require amendment by the titleholder.

The titleholder is required to notify NOPSEMA 10 days prior to the commencement of the activity. This notification will be published on NOPSEMA's website.

Titleholder environmental performance requirements

A titleholder is required to undertake a petroleum activity in accordance with the accepted environment plan. It is an offence under the Environment Regulations to act in a manner contrary to the accepted environment plan. A titleholder must submit a revision to the environment plan in response to a new or increased environmental impact or risk, or a significant modification or stage of the activity not provided for in the accepted environment plan.

How to get further information

If you have any further questions regarding the activity it is suggested you contact the titleholder's nominated liaison person for the activity.

If you would like to access any further information regarding this decision, or would like to contact NOPSEMA please email <u>environment@nopsema.gov.au</u>.

 ¹ A titleholder includes an applicant for a petroleum access authority, petroleum special prospecting authority, pipeline licence, greenhouse gas search authority or greenhouse gas special authority under sub-regulation 9(2).
 ² Activity type as listed in the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004